

privileges of the House, the House agreed to the resolution by voice vote. Subsequently, the House failed to agree to the preamble by voice vote.

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Suspension—Failed: The House failed to agree to suspend the rules and pass the following measure:

Amending the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act of 1978 to establish a procedure for authorizing certain electronic surveillance: H.R. 3356, to amend the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act of 1978 to establish a procedure for authorizing certain electronic surveillance, by a 2/3 yeas-and-nay vote of 218 yeas to 207 noes, Roll No. 821. **Pages H9685–95**

Privileged Resolution: The House agreed to table H. Res. 612, raising a question of the privileges of the House, by a yeas-and-nay vote of 211 yeas to 178 nays, with 12 voting “present”, Roll No. 822.

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Motion to Adjourn: Agreed to the Castor motion to adjourn by a yeas-and-nay vote of 270 yeas to 121 nays, Roll No. 823.

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Senate Message: Message received from the Senate today appears on page H9671.

Senate Referrals: S. 1983 was referred to the Committee on Agriculture and S. 775 was referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

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Quorum Calls—Votes: Seven yeas-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H9672, H9675, H9681, H9681–82, H9695, H9696, and H9697.

Amendments: Amendments ordered printed pursuant to the rule appear on pages H9696–97.

Adjournment: The House met at 9:00 a.m. and adjourned at 9:39 p.m.

Committee Meetings

GAO DISTRICT WORK PERIOD REQUESTS

Committee on House Administration: Election Task Force met and adopted a motion that the Chairman be authorized and directed to consult the Task Force by teleconference or other appropriate means to consider any GAO request received during the district work period and determined by the Chairman to require Task Force concurrence. For the purpose of consultation, as described in this motion, all members of the Task Force must be in simultaneous contact.

Prior to this action, the Task Force met to receive a GAO briefing on the status of the Investigation into the FL–13th Congressional District Contested Election. The Task Force was briefed by Naba Barkakati, Senior Level Technologist, Center for Technology and Engineering Applied Research and Methods, GAO.

PRIVATE RELIEF BILLS

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Immigration, Citizenship, Refugees, Border Security, and International Law met and approved a motion to request Department of Homeland Security Departmental Reports on the Beneficiaries of certain private bills.

NEW DIRECTION FOR ENERGY INDEPENDENCE, NATIONAL SECURITY, AND CONSUMER PROTECTION ACT; RENEWABLE ENERGY AND ENERGY CONSERVATION TAX ACT OF 2007

Committee on Rules: Granted, by a vote of 9 to 0, a resolution providing for consideration of the bill H.R. 3221, the “New Direction for Energy Independence, National Security, and Consumer Protection Act,” and the bill H.R. 2776, the “Renewable Energy and Energy Conservation Tax Act of 2007”.

The resolution provides for consideration of H.R. 3221 under a structured rule. All points of order against consideration of the bill, except clauses 9 and 10 of rule XXI, are waived. The rule provides two hours of general debate with 15 minutes equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of each of the Committees on Energy and Commerce, Natural Resources, Science and Technology, Transportation and Infrastructure, Education and Labor, Foreign Affairs, Small Business, and Oversight and Government Reform. The rule provides that the amendment printed in part A of the Rules Committee report shall be considered as adopted in the House and in the Committee of the Whole. The bill, as amended, shall be considered as an original bill for the purpose of further amendment and shall be considered as read. All points of order against provisions in the bill, as amended, are waived.

The rule makes in order only those further amendments printed in part B of the Rules Committee report and waives all points of order against such amendments except clauses 9 and 10 of rule XXI. Amendments so printed may be offered only in the order printed in the report, may be offered only by a Member designated in the report, shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for the time specified in the report equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent, shall not be subject to amendment, and shall not be subject to a demand for division of the question in the House or in the Committee of the Whole. The rule provides one motion to recommit H.R. 3221 with or without instructions.

The resolution provides for consideration of H.R. 2776 under a closed rule. All points of order against consideration of the bill, except clauses 9 and 10 of rule XXI, are waived. The rule provides that the substitute amendment recommended by the Committee on Ways and Means now printed in the bill shall be considered as adopted and that the bill, as amended, shall be considered as read. All points of

order against provisions in the bill, as amended, are waived. The rule provides one hour of debate equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Ways and Means. The rule provides one motion to recommit H.R. 2776 with or without instructions.

The rule further provides that, in the engrossment of H.R. 3221, the Clerk shall add the text of H.R. 2776, as passed by the House, as new matter at the end of H.R. 3221. Upon such engrossment, H.R. 2776 shall be laid on the table. Finally, the rule provides that, during consideration in the House of H.R. 3221 or H.R. 2776, notwithstanding the operation of the previous question, the Chair may postpone further consideration of either bill to a time designated by the Speaker.

PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF MOTIONS TO SUSPEND THE RULES

Committee on Rules: Granted, by a voice vote, a rule authorizing the Speaker to entertain motions that the House suspend the rules at any time on the legislative day of Saturday, August 4, 2007 relating to the following measures: (1) A bill to authorize additional funds for emergency repairs and reconstruction of the Interstate I-35 bridge located in Minneapolis, Minnesota, that collapsed on August 1, 2007, to waive the \$100,000,000 limitation on emergency relief funds for those emergency repairs and reconstruction, and for other purposes; and (2) A bill to amend the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act of 1978 to establish a procedure for authorizing certain electronic surveillance.

SAME DAY CONSIDERATION OF CERTAIN RESOLUTIONS REPORTED BY THE RULES

Committee on Rules: Granted, by a voice vote, a rule waiving clause 6(a) of rule XIII (requiring a two-thirds vote to consider a rule on the same day it is reported from the Rules Committee) against certain rules reported from the Rules Committee. The rule applies the waiver to any rules reported through the legislative day of Monday, August 6, 2007 providing for consideration of the following: (1) The bill (H.R. 3222) making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2008, and for other purposes; and (2) A bill to amend the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act of 1978 to establish a procedure for authorizing certain electronic surveillance.

NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D1129)

H.R. 1, to provide for the implementation of the recommendations of the National Commission on Terrorist Attacks Upon the United States. Signed on August 3, 2007. (Public Law 110-53)

H.R. 2429, to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide an exception to the 60-day limit on Medicare reciprocal billing arrangements between two physicians during the period in which one of the physicians is ordered to active duty as a member of a reserve component of the Armed Forces. Signed on August 3, 2007. (Public Law 110-54)

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No Committee meetings are scheduled.